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### AN IMPOSTOR'S TRICK.

The Cheerful Liar That Made a Fool It Let the New Train Dispatcher Off of the Grand Monarch.

Louis XIV, was taken in once in a most hamiliating way and by an impostor whose only art was lying. In one of his most dazzling military successes against the Dutch, Louis te Grand received word that an embassy from Persia had just landed at Marseilles en route to the French court to bring salutations and presents from the shah. Pleased that his fame should actually have run around the world, he sent word that all the towns on the way from Marsellles to Paris should fete the ambassador.

As a result the journey to Paris was a march of striumph. Children sang and flowers were strewn along the way. Arrived at Paris, several regiments of the Swiss guard met the shah's representative and escorted him to a magnificent suit in the old palace of the Tuileries. Louis sent no less a person than the Duc de Richelieu to welcome the potentate and invite him out to Versailles to a special reception in the hall of mirrors.

The ambassador presented himself as Riza Bey of the Persian court and after showing his credentials advanced to kiss the hand of Louis le Grand and give him the shah's congratualtions on his recent victories. A caravan of presents from his imperial sovereign were on their way and would arrive in Paris in a few days, said the ambassador.

Festivals followed at Versailles. The bey received magnificent presents from Louis and royal entertainment. He lounged gracefully on divans at the French court and smoked in Persian languor. He gave the grand monarque a few fragments of opal and turquoise. saying that they came from a Persian district bordering on the Caspian sea. The woods there were full of them, he explained, and he offered to divide with France-had planted the French flag there already, as it were!

At last the day came for the formal presentation of the shah's gifts, and on that morning early Riza Bey melted into space. He was never seen or heard of again. He had, as some one said, "gone glimmering through the dream of things that were." The gems that he had left were worth, if anything, about 15 cents apiece, being glass.-New York Tribune.

#### THE JURY DISAGREED.

A Fine Point In Equity That Never Was Decided.

An old time story of the fine points of law and equity which arose in car- she was giving to some friends an old rying out an amicable contract is told manservant caused some amusement in the Philadelphia Record. were four brothers who had inherited a storage warehouse from their father. He had divided the property equally among them.

Among the appurtenances was a cat -a fine animal, excellent for mousing. This, too, was divided, the eldest brother owning the right front quar ter, the second brother the left from quarter and the younger brothers the two hind quarters.

Now, unfortunately, the cat in one of its nocturnal prowls injured the right front paw, and the eldest brother attended to that portion of his property by binding the injured member with a greased rag.

The cat, thankful for this relief to its sufferings, went to sleep contentedly before the fire, but in the midst of its slumbers a falling coal ignited the rag, and the animal, howling with agony dashed through the warehouse and, coming in contact with some com bustibles, set the building on fire.

When the loss came to be figured out the three younger brothers wished to throw it all upon the eldest on the ground that had he not tied up his part of the cat with the inflammable rag the building would not have been

destroyed. He, on the contrary, contended that had the cat only been possessed of the front right paw-his property-it would have stood still and burned to death. It was the three other paws

that caused the damage. The brothers argued the case until they died, but they never reached an agreement.

Court Logic.

Lawyer-My client, your honor, has confessed that he committed the burglary. You will admit this an eloquent proof of my client's love of truth and of his upright conscience, and, your honor, a man with such a delicate conscience should not be accused of having broken into a house to steal. Never:

The Glad Hand. "What do you mean by the glad

hand?" "Anything," answered Mr. Bloochips. "that will beat three of a kind."-Washington Star.

A Dull Point. Blobbs-Saphedde is always talking about his point of view. Slobbs-Yes. but unfortunately it isn't sharp enough to penetrate anything. - Philadelphia

Let us watch all our beginnings, and results will manage themselves.-Clark.

Record.

### HIS HAPPY THOUGHT.

Without an Accident.

An operator for a western railroad who had served his company long and well was called into the office one day 1667, just after he had returned from and asked if he thought he could hold down the job of night dispatcher. He promptly replied that he could and was told to report for duty that night. and his chief instructed him in what he was to do. Just after the chief left the office it began to blow and snow. and the trains commenced to run late. The new night dispatcher soon had deteloped a bad case of "rattles" and almost cried. He did not want an accident, and he could not handle the trains. So a happy thought struck him. As fast as a report came in he replied, directing the conductor to take a siding and wait for orders, and it was not a great while until he had every train on the division sidetracked. Then he took a book, lighted his pipe and sat down to wait for daylight. In the morning the chief appeared, with anxiety written all over his face.

"Any accidents, Johnny?" asked the chief.

"Not an accident. I've got 'em all on the sidetrack, snowed in and waiting for orders, and you will have to get 'em out. I am going to blow this job.' It took the chief and his force nearly all day to get the trains straightened out and traffic resumed on the road.

What Should She Say?

"I tell you, little wife, you can't imagine how lonesome I am when I am separated from you. You are the best little woman in the world, so different from Drigg's nagging and scolding wife. You know that a man must get ahead in the world and be free to give his business his full attention My little girl isn't of the suspicious. doubting kind, is she? Why, dearest. this very night I ought to go down to the club. Brown of Brown, Kalibo & Co. is in town. They're among our best customers. Ought to know him socially, hadn't I? But unless you insist, my little sweetheart wife, I won't go. It may mean a loss to the firm, but I'll stay with my precious."

Well, now, what can a woman do? -Chicago Journal.

Her Only Course.

Lady Anne Lindsay, the author of the old poem "Auld Robin Gray," was not only a delightful conversationalist, but she was a great story teller.

This gift made her not only a welcome guest abroad, but a valuable member of the home circle, for it is related in "A Group of Scottish Women" that at a dinner party which by saying in a perfectly audible undertone:

"My lady, you must tell another story. The second course won't be ready for five minutes."

Alabama's Capitals.

When Alabama was a territory its capital was at St. Stephens, in Washington county. The convention that framed the constitution under which it was admitted into the Union was held in Huntsville, where the first legislature met in October, 1819, and the first governor was inaugurated. Cahaba became the seat of government in 1820. In 1825 the capital was removed to Tuscaloosa, and in 1846 it was again removed, this time to Montgomery.

Didn't Want to See Much. "What are you wearing that monocle for?" asked the theatrical manager. "You paid to see the show?"

"Yes," replied the young man, "but 1 can see all I want of this show with the monocle."-Yonkers Statesman.

Caustic.

Sapleigh-The doctor says there's something the matter with my head. Sharp-You surely didn't pay a doctor to tell you that!-Boston Transcript.

Hew Good He Was. George-Do you think I'm good enough for you, darling? Darling-No, George, but you're too good for any other girl.-Illustrated Bits.

Prejudiced Opinion. "What did the poet mean when he called his country 'the land of the free and the home of the brave?' " "He was probably referring to bachelors and married men," said old Mr. Smithers sadly.-Stray Stories.

Logic and Sophistry. Little Willie-What is logic, pa? Pa -Logic, my son, is your line of argument in a controversy. Little Willie-And what is sophistry? Pa-The other fellow's.-Exchange.

Caution Extraordinary. "You have a night key?"

"Of course," answered Mr. Meekton, "only I'm so careless that Henrietta keeps it locked up in the safety deposit so that I won't lose it."-Washington Star.

After Their Quarrel. Mabel-Of course you speak to Lena when you pass her? Helen-Indeed, I do not. Why, I don't even notice what she has on!-Puck.

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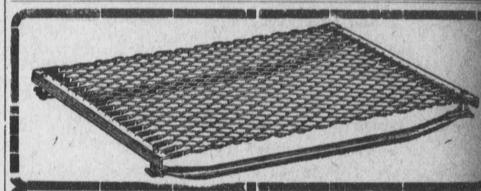
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